



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24th 2023
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive**

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Blower, Sova, Rusch, Alworden, Hoffman, Branch
ABSENT: Aimar

ALSO PRESENT: John Corriveau (Thomas Township Parks Director), Sue Prevost (Secretary), and Lynda Thayer (Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve Coordinator).

3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Blower, seconded by Sova, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
April 24th 2023
6:30pm
Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of March 20th, 2023 minutes
6. Approval of Expenditures
7. Public Comment
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. New Business
 - a. Property owned by Wash World west of Nature Center possible purchase.
9. Old Business
 - a. None

10. Reports

- A. Parks Report: Attached
- B. Sports Committee report: None
- C. Concert Committee Report: None
- D. Finance Committee Report: None
- E. Commissioners:

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment

5. Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Hoffman, to approve March 20th 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Public Hearing: None

9. New Business:

- A. Parks Director Corriveau informed the Park Commission of the potential purchase of land owned by Wash World. The parcel is .09 acre located west of the Nature Center & Preserve. A pole barn would be built for the Nature Center. Once a signed offer is received, The Spicer Group will survey the property and the land will be assessed. Discussion followed regarding design and location of driveway.

10. Old Business: None

11. Reports:

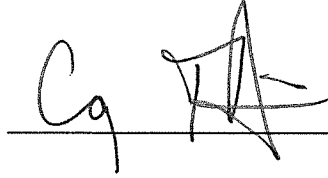
A. Parks Report

- **Roethke Park**: Thirteen, dead Jack Pine trees were removed between the Depot and the garage. A large Cottonwood tree was also taken down that was lifting the concrete pad at Pavilion #1. Roof bids are due Friday, April 28th. Additional topsoil work will need to be completed at the old waterfall site.

- **Roberts Park**: Our Spring Soccer Program and Flag Football Programs have begun and our first games will start on April 29th. We have thirty soccer teams and twelve football teams this season. Maintenance crew has dragged the ball diamonds, bases are out and the fields are fertilized. Crew will begin to remove the outfield fences in preparation for the Rebel Co event this next week. The construction for three new Sand Volleyball courts has started. Staffing shortages for games is a concern and is the lowest in years.
 - **Community Park**: Pickleball nets are up. Parks Director Corriveau is currently fundraising an estimated \$250,000 for six new Pickleball courts and one tennis court to be built at Roberts Park.
 - **Day Park**: None
 - **Sports & Programs**: Registration for Day Camp and Swim Lessons are open. Spring Soccer & Flag Football will start on April 29th.
 - **Nature Center Preserve**: Nature Center Coordinator Lynda Thayer presented an update on construction of building and landscape. Electrician needs to complete work by April 30th. New windows, drywall, metal & Dura-last roofing, furniture and displays are all in progress. Plants and seeds are coming. The tree removal of Siberian Elm was completed by Monk's Tree Service. A grand opening for the Nature Center will be in two phases. Tentative dates for the preliminary/private ribbon cutting ceremony will be on August 24th and a grand opening for public is proposed for August 27th. Parking is limited and a shuttle service will be provided.
 - **Events**: None
- B. Sports Committee report: None
 C. Concert Committee report: None
 D. Commissioners: None

12. Other Business: none

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Sova, seconded by Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 7:13p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

7-24-23

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, May 22nd 2023 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.